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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COLOMBO 0952
NEW DELHI FOR AGATT, SINGAPORE PLEASE PASS ALAN HUNT, WHEAT
ASSOCIATES, USA

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: PINR, EAID, CE
SUBJECT: FOOD COMMISSIONER CHANGES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. M. B.SENANAYAKE HAS RESIGNED AS FOOD
COMMISSIONER AND DEPARTED COUNTRY MARCH 16 FOR A JOB SOMEWHERE
IN EUROPE. HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY P.M. HASSAN, FORMERLY
SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF TRADE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SENANAYAKE HAS BEEN UNDER
HEAVY FIRE AS A RESULT OF FLOUR SHORTAGES AT END OF 1976 AND
EARLY THIS YEAR. THERE WERE ALSO RUMORS THAT CERTAIN
TRANSACTIONS ENTERED INTO BY GOOD COMMISSIONER WOULD NOT
BEAR CLOSE SCRUTINY. SENANAYAKE'S RESIGNATION COINCIDED
WITH PRESS REPORTS THAT GSL HAD BEGUN INVESTIGATION OF
FEBRUARY PURCHASE OF 60,000 TONS OF RICE FROM THAILAND.

APPARENTLY CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO THAI FIRM
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WITHOUT FOLLOWING STANDARD TENDER PROCEDURES.
QUESTIONS WERE ALSO RAISED ABOUT PURCHASES OF WHEAT
FLOUR FROM VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND SUGAR FROM
JAPAN. WHEN GSLHCVNVESTIGATORS FOUND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS
RELATING TO THAI RICE ORDER MISSING
FROM FOOD COMMISSIONER'S FILES, THEY ALSO DISCOVERED THAT
SENAYAKE HAD LEFT COUNTRY JUST A FEW HOURS BEFORE. END

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